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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN DESIRE TO BUY 280 APCs

1. IN FEBRUARY 14, CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR BERCKEMEYER AND NEW MILITARY ATTACHE BRIG. GEN. DEL ROSARIO REITERATED PERUVIAN REQUEST TO BUY 280 ADDITIONAL M-113A1 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APCS). BERCKEMEYER SAID GOP DESIRED TO USE SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS OF FY 75 FMS CREDIT (ARMY'S SHARE OF FMS PIE) TO PURCHASE THESE VEHICLES.

2. GENERAL ROSARIO STATED THAT IF THE USG DECIDES NOT TO SELL THE 280 APCs TO PERU, GOP WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FMS CREDIT TO OLD PURCHASE OF 131 APCs, WHICH WERE NOW BEING DELIVERED. BERCKEMEYER SAID THAT GOP HAD OBTAINED LOAN FROM MORGAN GUARANTEE TRUST (AT RATE OF "ONE FOURTH OF ONE PER CENT OF STANDING BALANCE PER MONTH" OR EIGHT AND ONE HALF PER CENT PER YEAR) TO FUND FIRST APC PURCHASE. PERU WOULD PREFER TO USE THE "CHEAPER" FMS CREDIT IF THAT IS  
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ONLY THING UPON WHICH "PERUVIAN ARMY'S SHARE" OF FMS CREDIT

CAN BE SPENT.

3. GENERAL ROSARIO SAID THAT HE HAD SERVED IN WASHINGTON IN 1954 AS A "PURCHASING OFFICER" FOR THE PERUVIAN ARMY. ON HIS REPUTATION AS A "GOOD BUYER" HE WAS REASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON TO GET MORE OF WHAT HIS ARMY NEEDS FROM THE USG.

4. MR. ROGERS SAID HE GREATLY REGRETTED DELAY IN REPLYING TO THE PERUVIAN REQUESTS AND HE ASSURED THEM THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT THEY RECEIVED AN ANSWER VERY SOON. INGERSOLL

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